

# **2009 MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION EXCERPTS: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TOPICS**

NOTE: COMMITTEE NOT LIMITED BY TENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

*All Master Study Resolution topics below have been assigned to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee except where noted otherwise in brackets. All assignments are tentative until formal requests for study are made by interim committees and the Legislative Management Committee gives it final approval. Committees may request authorization to study any topic, including items not tentatively assigned to them and issues not included on the Master Study Resolution.*

## **ADOPTION**

62. Adoption - to study adoption code definitions and needed changes (Allen).

## **CHILD WELFARE**

90. Exceptions to Adoption Prohibitions - to study whether to allow adoption by a person cohabitating in a relationship that is not a legally valid and binding marriage if the parent or parents of the child give consent or if the child is in the legal custody of the Division of Child and Family Services (H.B. 288) (Chavez-Houck). [Judiciary]

## **CANCER**

161. Tanning Facilities Tax for Cancer Education Fund - to study the creation of a melanoma cancer research and education fund that would be funded by a tax on tanning facilities (H.B. 419) (Ray). [Rev/Tax]

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

65. Changing Medical Services Responsibilities - to study whether to move the Medical Examiner's Office and the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services from the Department of Health to the Department of Public Safety (H.B. 395) (Health and Human Services).

## **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

1. Anesthesiologist Assistants - to study the licensing of anesthesiologist assistants (Julie Fisher). [Bus/Labor]
9. Hospital Lien Law - to study whether to prohibit hospitals from filing liens under certain circumstances (H.B. 135) (King). [Bus/Labor]
61. Abusive Work Environment Prohibition - to study the development of a Health Care Provider Abusive Environment Prohibition Act (H.B. 224) (House Health and Human Services).
63. Ambulance Issues - to study intermodal facility transport and licensing (2nd Sub. H.B. 273) (Hughes).
100. Ambulance Service and 9-1-1 - to study 9-1-1 and an interfacility ambulance service (Noel). [Law Enforcement]

## **HEALTH CARE REFORM**

- 68. Digital Health Communities - to study whether to authorize at least one area of the state to develop a digital health community pilot project to implement the use of digital health records and other technology-based health care exchanges to promote effective health care, increase patient safety, eliminate errors, and reduce health care costs (Menlove).
- 70. Health Policy Options - to study changing health policies in Utah (McCoy).
- 71. Health Reform Impacts - to study how changes in federal health policy dovetail or impact health care reform efforts in Utah (Chavez-Houck).
- 73. Hospital Emergency Services - to study incentives to decrease the inappropriate use of emergency rooms and other issues related to the cost and quality of emergency services use (S.B. 119) (Buttars).

## **HEALTH INSURANCE/COVERAGE**

- 12. Insurance Costs for Chemotherapy - to study whether to prohibit an insurer from requiring a cancer patient to pay more for chemotherapy treatment that is administered orally rather than intravenously (S.B. 217) (Knudson). [Bus/Labor]
- 74. Insurance for Autism - to study whether the state should contract with an insurance company to provide an autism policy, available for purchase before a child is born, to pay the costs of treatment if the child has an autism spectrum disorder (Stephenson).
- 17. Reinsurance Risk Pool - to study the establishment of a reinsurance risk pool for the small employer group health insurance and defined contribution arrangement market (H.B. 454) Biskupski/House Bus. Labor). [Bus/Labor]
- 21. Sole Proprietors in Small Group Market - to study the impact on the small group market if it included sole proprietors, and the impact on sole proprietors (King). [Bus/Labor]
- 23. Worker Access to Job-based Health Insurance - to study how many, and what type, of employers do and do not offer health benefits to their employees, and what percentage of employees do not take advantage of employers' benefits and why (Biskupski). [Bus/Labor]
- 67. Consumer Health Care Affordability - to study what percentage of a family's or individual's gross annual income can reasonably be expected to go towards health insurance and health care, and at what level of income subsidies are needed (Litvack).
- 78. Relationships Between Surgical Centers and Health Insurers - to study reimbursement levels and contracting relationships between ambulatory surgical centers and health insurers in the state (Killpack).
- 66. CHIP Enrollment - to study disenrollment in the state's CHIP program (Holdaway).
- 75. Medicaid Asset Test - to study the elimination of the Medicaid asset test (H.J.R. 22) (Chavez-Houck).
- 105. Inmate Health Coverage - to study whether to require insurance companies to pay the health care cost of inmates covered by their policies (Ray). [Law Enforcement]
- PEHP - to study whether to require a competitive bidding or similar process prior to allowing the state to participate in the Public Employees' Health Program (H.B. 451) (Dee). [Not assigned]

## **MENTAL HEALTH**

- 64. Assertive Community Mental Health Treatment Program - to study the establishment of an

assertive mental health treatment pilot program for people with a severe mental disorder who are not receiving or are transitioning out of other mental health services, and for their families (H.B. 101) (Moss).

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

76. Meningitis Prevention - to study ways to prevent bacterial meningitis in the state (Niederhauser).

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

72. Hospital Admissions Related to Drug Overdose - to study the best way to report and track hospital admissions for drug overdose (Stephenson).
77. Prescription Drug Disposal - to study ways to expand current efforts to properly dispose of unused over-the-counter and prescription drugs and how to facilitate, as a method of disposal, a reverse distribution process pharmacists use for returning drugs to manufacturers (Jones).
79. Substance Abuse - to study strategies to address the prevention of substance abuse Jones).
104. Illegal Prescription Drug Use - to study illegal possession of prescription drugs, including drugs obtained by mail or the Internet without a valid prescription (Beck). [Law Enforcement]

## **TOBACCO**

80. Use of Tobacco Monies - to study and review the use of tobacco monies from the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement and the 1997 and 2002 cigarette tax increases for tobacco prevention, reduction, cessation, and control, and review program outcomes, funding and evaluation processes, and the adequacy of statutory requirements (Menlove).
108. Novelty Cigarette Lighter Sales - to study and review model legislation banning the sale of novelty cigarette lighters (Menlove). [Law Enforcement]
110. Smoking in Vehicles - to study a ban on smoking in vehicles when children are in the vehicle (H.B. 284) (Seegmiller). [Transportation]

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

145. Caffeine Taxation and Policy - to study a tax on products containing caffeine, which is responsible for a number of serious disorders and diseases (Frank). [Rev/Tax]
69. Health Disparities - to study how to address health disparity issues through policy (S.B. 55) (Robles).